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Hello, as an Oregonian and property owner that has owned properties in city limits, and properties that were outside of city limits on community wells and private wells - this bill is an overstep of government regulation. Living in city limits means you have access to city water and sewer. Those living outside of those limits have fewer options and require wells. As one of those private-well owning citizens, I urge you to avoid heavy regulations on wells and well owners. Many homes have similar usage to city water and that still comes at the cost of maintaining their own well and septic, an expense that is still large and to be expected once you've drilled your well and dug your septic. The long list of articles in this bill are anti-homestead, anti-farm tax deferral program, anti-low income family on well, anti-Oregonian citizen. This proposed bill will only cause harm to Oregonians and further distrust of their state government officials that are meant to reflect the will of the voting citizens, not the will of lobbyists and utility companies looking to make more money off of rural Oregonians. I strongly oppose this bill and will deeply consider leaving this state if my farm-tax deferral is negatively affected by this bill that overly regulates my family's well usage.